

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JULY 1, 2014**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE TRANSFER OF THE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

As described in an Informational Item presented at the March 18, 2014 Board Meeting, the Governor's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget proposed to transfer the Drinking Water Program from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board, effective July 1, 2014. This transfer is intended to align the state's drinking water and water quality programs in an integrated organizational structure. This structure will best position the state to effectively protect water quality and meet both current needs and future demands on water resulting from climate change, increasing population, and economic growth, while still maintaining a strong public health focus. The Administration's objectives include continued focused attention on supporting small and disadvantaged communities to address their unique drinking water needs. As of this writing, the Legislature has approved the transfer in both the budget bill and in S.B. 861, a trailer bill implementing the budget. This item will provide an update on the transfer.

POLICY ISSUE

N/A – Informational Item only

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A – Informational Item only

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

N/A – Informational Item only

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A – Informational Item only